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1. Although the entire Albanian population is against the present regime, the people are not unified by a common trust in each other. However, the mutual hope for liberation [] is unanimous. 50X1-
2. Yugoslav-sponsored Albanian teams in Albania are not looked upon favorably by the Albanian people who feel that liberation by the Yugoslavs would be only a sham deliverance, as Tito's regime represents to them no less an evil than their present government.
3. Likewise, the Albanian people have [no esteem for the Prizren Committee composed of Albanian refugees in Yugoslavia, as they regard the Committee purely as an agent of the Yugoslav Government.]
4. The population also fears [] desires territorial gains. 50X1-
5. The attitude of the population toward alleged Soviet economic aid to Albania is that in return for the broken-down machinery which Soviet Russia sends to Albania, the people are forced to export their entire food supply.
6. The National Committee for a Free Albania (NCFa) is highly regarded by the entire population. The people have enthusiastically received leaflets signed by the NCFa which they have picked up and passed on whenever possible. The leaflets with humorous cartoons have the greatest appeal.]

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7. On the basis of Radio Tirana broadcasts accusing [] of attempting to poison the Albanian population by dropping food packages, the Albanian people have deduced that these food drops were made by the NCFA to bring hope and aid to the Albanian people. The broadcasts also warned the people to surrender all packages to the authorities.

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8. [] heard that the NCFA broadcasts (Voice of Free Albania) were being listened to in the evening and that the reception was very clear; no jamming was reported. According to other information [] the authorities had seized all radios not belonging to reliable Party members.

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